

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): A method for reducing a cost of processing user data transmitted in the direction of a communication device, wherein a bidirectional connection between the communication device and a communication partner entity is established for a service, and wherein the service does not require the user data transmission to the communication device, the method comprising:

transmitting user data ~~user data~~ from the communication partner to the communication device;

discarding at least part of the user data; and

transmitting information from the communication device to the communication partner entity indicating a trouble-free transmission of the user data from the communication partner entity to the communication device, the information relating to a transmission quality of the user data transmitted from the communication partner entity to the communication device.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The method according to claim 13, wherein the communication device is an information output system or a distribution system.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method according to claim 13, wherein the communication partner entity is a terminal or a gateway.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The method according to claim 13, wherein the user data is transmitted as a user data packet over a packet-oriented network in the direction of the communication device.

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method according to claim 16, wherein a router upstream from the communication device discards the at least part of the user data.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The method according to claim 16, wherein the user data packet is transmitted in accordance to a real time protocol (RTP).

Claim 20 (previously presented): The method according to claim 16,

wherein at least a part of a plurality of user data packets arriving at the communication device from the communication partner are filtered, and

wherein the filtered data packets are discarded.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The method according to claim 20, wherein the filtering is based on a port address.

Claim 22 (canceled)

Claim 23 (currently amended): The method according to claim [[22]]16, wherein the information is transmitted in accordance to a real time control protocol (RTCP).

Claim 24 (currently amended): A communication system having a connection between a communication partner entity and a communication device, comprising:

a filter for identifying user data transmitted from the communication partner entity to the communication device[[,]]; and

a simulation information transmitted to the partner entity to simulate a trouble-free transmission of the user data from the communication partner entity, said simulation information relating to a transmission quality of the user data transmitted from the communication partner entity to the communication device.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The communication system according to claim 24, wherein the user data is transmitted as a user data packet over a packet-oriented network in the direction of the communication device.

Claim 26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (previously presented): The communication system according to claim 25, wherein the information is transmitted in accordance to a real time control protocol (RTCP).

Claim 28 (previously presented): The communication system according to claim 24, wherein a router upstream from the communication device discards the at least part of the user data.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The communication system according to claim 24, wherein the user data packet is transmitted in accordance a real time protocol (RTP).

Claim 30 (previously presented): The communication system according to claim 24,

wherein a plurality of data packets arriving at the communication device are filtered, and

wherein the filtered data packets are discarded.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The communication system according to claim 30, wherein the filtering is based on a port address.

Claim 32 (currently amended): A router in a connection path for a connection between a communication partner entity and a communication device, comprising:

a filter for discarding at least part of user data transmitted from the communication partner entity to the communication device, and

a simulation information transmitted to the partner entity to simulate a trouble-free transmission of the user data from the communication partner entity, said simulation information relating to a transmission quality of the user data transmitted from the communication partner entity to the communication device.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The router according to claim 32,

wherein user data is transmitted as user data packets over a packet-oriented network in the direction of the communication device, and

wherein the user data packets are transmitted in accordance to a real time protocol (RTP).

Claim 34 (previously presented): The router according to claim 32,

wherein user data is transmitted as user data packets over a packet-oriented network in the direction of the communication device,

wherein the user data packets arriving at the communication device are filtered, and

wherein filtered user data packets are discarded.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The router according to claim 34, wherein the filtering is based on a port address.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The router according to claim 32, wherein user data is transmitted as user data packets over a packet-oriented network in the direction of the communication device,_7 and

~~wherein the information relates to a transmission quality of the user data transmitted from the communication partner entity to the communication device.~~

Claim 37 (previously presented): The router according to claim 36, wherein the information is transmitted in accordance to a real time control protocol (RTCP).

Claim 38 (new): The method according to claim 13, wherein RTP packets are discarded.

Claim 39 (new): The communication system according to claim 24, wherein RTP packets are discarded.

Claim 40 (new): The router according to claim 32, wherein RTP packets are discarded.